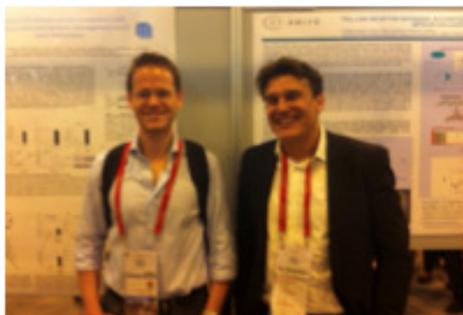
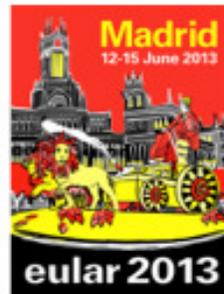




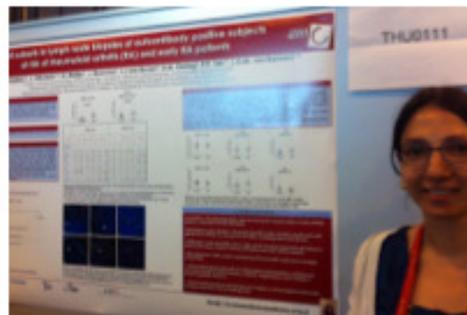
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First BTCure results presented at the EULAR 2013 in Madrid

The EULAR 2013 was a success for BTCure. Opinion leaders within RA and BTCure presented first relevant results in keynote lectures, as studies with regard to investigation of early diseases events and therapy, upon many more. All together, nearly 50 BTCure members had the opportunity to present new recommendations and important scientific results, some of them related to BTCure goals and tasks, acknowledging BTCure and the IMI. Younger scientists, group leaders and BTCure task coordinators were given the chance to present their first results in guided poster tours. The EULAR congress further offered training possibilities for younger researchers with support of some BTCure contacts.

Moreover, our BTCure booth arranged in the EULAR village by Susanne Karlfeldt was frequently visited and a welcomed meeting

place for many BTCure partners. The main coordinator of BTCure's Management team, Lars Klareskog, was representing our initiative at the booth on a daily basis and available for meetings with other BTCure colleagues. The congress in Madrid further turned out to be an excellent opportunity to liaise with new EFPIA colleagues and BTCure members, as well as with interested and potentially future partners of other companies.

Besides presentation and discussion of new recommendations, of results of experimental and clinical nature and our collaborative project planning meetings, the EULAR congress gave BTCure coordinators the opportunity to meet with EULAR / PARE representatives, as Florian Klett, Marios Kouloumas, and Maarten de Wit, in order to learn how to improve the involvement of patients in future scientific projects in general, as well as in certain ongoing BTCure projects.

Many of our EULAR discussions will hopefully continue during BTCure's 2nd Annual Meeting and our Project Steering Board meeting in Prague, Sep 15-17, for which the registration for BTCure members is now open.